FEBRUARY

York received a landmark $5 million gift from an anonymous donor to provide scholarships for incoming undergraduates, graduate students, and Indigenous students. The gift will be matched by University and government programs, resulting in a total of $10 million in funding for York students.

York Board of Governors approved a policy on awareness, prevention, and response to sexual assault, affirming the University’s ongoing commitment to foster a culture where survivors are supported and perpetrators are held accountable. The policy is the result of the dedicated efforts of students, staff and faculty on the Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Policy Working Group.

York recognized leading researchers for their outstanding achievements at the third annual York U Research Leaders celebration. Faculty of Science professor Sergey Krylov was awarded the President’s Research Excellence Award and Faculty of Health professor Shayna Rosenbaum was awarded the President’s Emerging Research Leadership Award.

Third annual Undergraduate Research Fair took place on February 23, with undergraduates delivering presentations on their research. 13 presentations received awards, and a new journal titled York Online Undergraduate Review (YOUR Review) will be launched later this year.

A team from the Office of Student Community Relations, along with York staff members Maria Mazzurco, Jayne Greene-Black, Noel Badiou, Alicia Pinter, and David Timmins are this year’s recipients of the President’s Staff Recognition Awards.

For the ninth straight year, Schulich was ranked among the world’s top 25 business schools (19th) and No. 1 in Canada in the annual global MBA survey conducted by CNN Expansión.
York Lions men’s volleyball team won a bronze medal at the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) final. Team members Josh Henderson, Ray Szeto, and Arthur Swarcz were recognized by the OUA for their outstanding season.

York President Emerita Lorna Marsden’s contributions have led to the establishment of the Robarts Centre Visitorship in Canadian Studies at the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies.

‘This is My Time’ campaign won bronze in the services category in Canadian Advertising Success Stories (CASSIES).

Schulich professor and Robert Finlayson Chair in International Finance Kee-Hong Bae recently won the best paper prize from the International Review of Finance journal along with his co-authors.

York alumnus Christopher Williams (BA ’97) was presented with The Honourable Lincoln Alexander ’53 Award from the Black Law Students’ Association at Osgoode for his work in the field of criminal justice and black marginality.

Faculty of Science professor and Tier 1 York Research Chair Sergey Krylov has received more than $717,000 over three years from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

MARCH

Lions men’s and women’s track & field teams together won 17 medals and broke or tied three meet records at the OUA championships. Of the 17 medals won, 11 were gold, four were silver and two were bronze.

On March 7 the Faculty of Science hosted #WomenInSTEM, a celebration of York grads working in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) professions, as part of the Faculty’s 50th anniversary.

Two Osgoode Hall Law School teams were honoured with an award at the Willms & Shier Environmental Law Moot Court Competition on March 7 at the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Lassonde School of Engineering invested $1.5 million in the Lassonde 50:50 Challenge, a campaign to become the first engineering school in Canada to reach a 50:50 gender balance.
Two teams of Schulich MBA students won first and second place in Schulich’s annual Developer’s Den case competition.

Four students from York’s Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law program placed third at a recent case competition hosted by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada and the Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration.

York Lions track and field team had an outstanding showing at the Canadian Interuniversity Sports (CIS) Championships this year:
1. Khamica Bingham broke the women’s CIS 60m record, winning the gold medal.
2. CIS Outstanding Female Field Performer of the Year and York athlete Brittany Crew won the gold medal in the women’s weight throw.
3. In the 60m men’s competition, Bismark Boateng won the gold medal and Ike Omoruna brought home the bronze.

Five York alumni named to the Corporate Knights’ “Top 30 Under 30 Sustainability Leaders” list of Canadian youth who have a proven track record in sustainable development:
1. Jamieson Saab (MES ’11)
2. Klaudia Olejnik (Spec. Hons. BBA ’09, MBA ’14)
3. Adam Camenzuli (Spec. Hons. iBBA ’10)
4. Mustafa Nazari (Spec. Hons. BES ’11)
5. Afzal Habib (iBBA ’10)

Lassonde School of Engineering hosted its inaugural Lassonde Awards at Glendon campus to recognize the diverse accomplishments of faculty, staff, students and supporters.

Faculty of Education student Laina Tsurusaki won first prize in the Open category at the 26th National Japanese Speech Contest that took place at the University of Calgary on March 28.

Both CREATE applications submitted from York were successful. Health and Engineering Professor James Elder and Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Professor Jimmy Huang were awarded $1.65 million from NSERC for their respective projects.

Osgoode Hall Law School honoured 13 recipients of 2015 Dean’s ‘Gold Keys,’ awarded to students graduating from the Juris Doctor (JD) program who made outstanding contributions to the life of the law school: Arielle Lewis, Darcel Bullen, Aneesha Lewis,
Robin Nobleman, Toby Samson, Clinton Green, Jean-Paul Bevilacqua, Laura Wilson, Steven Broadley, Douglas Judson, Anthony Sangiuliano, Jeffrey Hernaez and Allison Williams.

APRIL

York Lions soccer player Jarek Whiteman and track and field athlete Brittany Crew were named the male and female Athletes of the Year at the 47th annual Interuniversity Sport Banquet on April 1.

York student Tanya Elchuk was a Top 25 finalist in the SSHRC Storytellers competition, which challenges postsecondary students from across the country to demonstrate how SSHRC-funded research is making a difference in the lives of Canadians.

Centre for Research on Latin America and Caribbean Research Fellow Judith Marshall was the only Canadian invited to participate in a World Meeting of Popular Movements that brought more than 100 grassroots activists from all around the world to Rome.

York psychologist Ellen Bialystok’s dementia research is among top 50 university discoveries named by the Council of Ontario Universities (COU). She discovered that bilingual people with dementia show symptoms four years later than those who speak just one language.

YorkU Call Centre (Advancement), which employs over 150 students every year, has set a new record for the third straight year, raising $700,000 already this year, up from $568,000 last year, $368,000 in 2013 and $250,000 in 2012.

Osgoode Professional Development will use a substantial award from the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration & International Trade to create an innovative online exam preparation course to help internationally trained lawyers who are Ontario newcomers to qualify to practice in the province.

A research paper co-authored by Schulich Professor Douglas Cumming examining rewards-based crowdfunding models named to list of best academic research on crowdfunding on website @Aboutdotcom.

History Professor Adrian Shubert awarded prestigious Killam Research Fellowship--the first in nearly a decade for YorkU--for his research on Spain's Baldomero Espartero.